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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR JOINT MEETING OF NATO CAUCUS OF CSCE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY MATTERS WITH POLADS

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AT SPC MEETING NOVEMBER 15, CANADIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT NATO MEMBERS OF THE CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY MATTER "WITH ONE EXCEPTION" (LATER IDENTIFIED AS FRANCE) HAD ENDORSE IDEA OF A MEETING IN BRUSSELS TO BE HELD JOINTLY BETWEEN THEMSELVES, SPC OR POLADS TO DISCUSS CBM'S. DATE PROPOSED WAS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22. CANADIAN REP SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT A TENTATIVE AGENDA.

2. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ENDORSED THIS IDEA AND ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 22. FRENCH REP SAID HE THOUGHT CONSULTATIONS DURING THE CHRISTMAS RECESS WOULD BE PREFERABLE BUT WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT OBJECT IF OTHERS WISHED TO HAVE SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN THE COMING WEEK.
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3. U.S. REP SUGGESTED THAT POLADS, AT THEIR NOVEMBER 20 MEETING, DISCUSS AGENDA, IF IT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY NATO CAUCUS BY THAT TIME, WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING WHEN MIGHT BE BEST TIME FOR JOINT MEETING. U.S. REP CAUTIONED THAT WELL-

KNOWN U.S. VIEWS ON CBM'S WERE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE AND THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO KNOW WHAT THE PARAMETERS OF THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE BEFORE DEFINITELY SETTING A DATE.

4. SPC AGREED THAT POLADS SHOULD IF POSSIBLE REVIEW SUGGESTIONS TRANSMITTED BY NATO CAUCUS AND THAT IF IT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED THAT MEETING SHOULD BE HELD DURING COMING WEEK, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, WOULD BE BEST DATE.

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF USDEL CSCE ON THIS MATTER. RUMSFELD

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